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JP.559 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$9 \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{2x + y + z}{x^2 + 2} \right)^2 \leq 2 \sum_{cyc} (x^2 + 2)(y^2 + 2)$$

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Solution by proposers

Lemma:

If $x, y > 0$ then:

$$2(x^2 + 2)(y^2 + 2) \geq 3((x + y)^2 + 2)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} 2(x^2 y^2 + 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 4) &\geq 3(x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + 2) \\ 2x^2 y^2 + 4x^2 + 4y^2 + 8 - 3x^2 - 6xy - 3y^2 - 6 &\geq 0 \\ 2x^2 y^2 - 4xy + 2 + x^2 + y^2 - 2xy &\geq 0 \\ 2(xy - 1)^2 + (x - y)^2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $x = y = 1$.

Back to the problem:

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 + 2)^2(y^2 + 2)(z^2 + 2) &= \\ &= (x^2 + 2)(y^2 + 2) \cdot (x^2 + 2)(z^2 + 2) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{3}{2}((x + y)^2 + 2) \cdot \frac{3}{2}((x + z)^2 + 2) = \\ &= \frac{9}{4} \left((x + y)^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2 \right) \left((\sqrt{2})^2 + (x + z)^2 \right) \geq \\ &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{9}{4} \left((x + y)\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}(x + z) \right)^2 = \frac{9}{4} \cdot 2(x + y + x + z)^2 = \\ &= \frac{9}{2}(2x + y + z)^2 \\ 2(y^2 + 2)(z^2 + 2) &\geq 9 \left(\frac{2x + y + z}{x^2 + 2} \right)^2 \\ 9 \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{2x + y + z}{x^2 + 2} \right)^2 &\leq 2 \sum_{cyc} (x^2 + 2)(y^2 + 2) \end{aligned}$$